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ARMY COST REDUCTION PLANNING A SUCCESS

The acquisition community responded admirably to Army leadership direction to apply proven cost reduction techniques to all acquisition programs in order to free up Total Obligation Authority for modernization and other urgent requirements. Through execution of Cost Reduction Plans on all its systems, the Army will harvest over ***\$1B through FY03*** and more than ***\$11B through FY12***. This represents real savings, which will be refocused to some of the Army's critical modernization efforts. Many acquisition people in the Program Executive Office (PEO) structure and throughout Army Materiel Command participated in the rigorous cost reduction and reinvestment effort along with staffs of the DCSOPS and PA&E. Requirements were not changed without consensus, and the savings were generated by prudent planning for multi-year procurements, program restructuring, and other streamlined business measures.

SSCOM KEEPS PACE WITH THE FORCE OF THE FUTURE

At a recent month long Advanced Warfighting Experiment, Soldier Systems Command (SSCOM) provided a variety of prototype field service and shelter systems to the over 1,000 troops in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (OPFOR) and the 4th Infantry Division. The exercise, held at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA, afforded SSCOM the opportunity to test current designs and incorporate user input by making on-site modifications to prototypes with the benefit of instant feedback. Soldier survey information will be used to make improvements to existing designs and supplement operational testing conducted prior to production. This will dramatically impact future testing and production costs. A SSCOM support team provided a Containerized Kitchen featuring the newly developed, more efficient and safer Modern Burner Unit, which fed an average of 500-600 soldiers per meal while saving an average of 45-60 minutes per meal preparation. Other systems included: Containerized Showers, Latrine Systems, and Self-Service Laundries; a prototype Lightweight Maintenance Enclosure; and a Modular General Purpose Tent System. **BOTTOM LINE:** The soldier in the field gets what [s]he needs as quickly and efficiently as possible.